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SUBJ: ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF STRIKE

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1. ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF STRIKE DURING PAST WEEK CHANGED ONLY
MARGINALLY FROM THOSE REPORTED REF A. MORE PRIVATE VEHICLES
ARE ON STREETS, REFLECTING GREATER AVAILABILITY OF GASOLINE--MUCH
OF IT IN BLACK MARKET. LESS PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS VISIBLE AS
BUS STRIKE BECOMES MORE EFFECTIVE. GOVT PLANNING OFFICE
HAS PUBLICIZED LOSSES IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION DUE TO SHORTAGES
OF FUEL AND RAW MATERIALS. EMBASSY HEARS CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY HAS PRACTICALLY CEASED. GOC IS ALSO POINTING OUT
THAT SEED AND FERTILIZERS FOR SPRING PLANTINGS ARE NOT REACHING
FARMS AS THEY SHOULD.

2. SANTIAGO RETAIL STORES HAVE REMAINED OPEN SO FAR (WITH
EXCEPTION HALF DAY LAST WEEK), BUT RETAILERS IN FIVE
SOUTHERN PROVINCES HAVE REPORTEDLY JOINED STRIKE.

3. FOOD SUPPLIES HAVE PERHAPS DECLINED A BIT MORE DURING
PAST SEVEN DAYS. AVAILABILITIES ARE STILL ADEQUATE, BUT PRICES
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CONTINUE STEEP CLIMB.

4. COMMENT: GOC TRIED SHIFT BLAME FOR 1972 ECONOMIC
FAILURES TO PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER STOPPAGE. GOVT
PROPAGANDA IS PLAYING THAT THEME EVEN STRONGER NOW.
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